



June 9, 2024 – Created to Be...Me!

Junior Highers are so often so...all of us! While proclaiming (loudly at times) they want to be their own person, they so often do so by trying to be just like everyone else! And while adults might shake their heads, we often do the same thing! Most of the time, we don't want to stick out, we want to go with the flow. But in doing so, do we let go of our authentic self? What does this even mean...to be the authentic "me" God created you to be? Join us this weekend as we delve into the truth, we are each uniquely made – and that is worth celebrating.

Scripture:

Psalm 139:13-16, 23-24

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

I Corinthians 12:12-21, 27

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. ¹⁴ Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? ¹⁸ But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹ How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." ... ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Questions:

- What makes you, you? Think about that for a few minutes. What talents, gifts, opinions, experiences, outlooks, etc. make you, you?
- Do you believe in the depth of your soul, when God looks at you, God says – this is a magnificent, marvelous creation? If not, what keeps you from believing this?
- Each of us has been created by God to be who we are...if you have people in your life that have blessed you because they have been themselves, this week let them know!

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Genesis 1:27

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:7

Wednesday: Romans 12:1-2

Thursday: Ephesians 2:10

Friday: Matthew 5:48